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What Do Fair-Minded Men Think of It?

On Saturday we published the statement of the Press and Argus that ex-Governor Pierce had voluntarily resigned his office, saying that we chose fully gave Collector Anderson "the benefit of the doubt."

The Commercial was thereupon moved to express itself as follows:

"This is quite as near to an decent apology for an intended for and entirely unfounded attack on anybody acquainted with the world would expect from that paper. It never intended, under any circumstances, to represent that our citizen of the United States. This it does itself say:

"The current discourse has been made at the State Department that Mr. Charles Foster of Findings, who has taken the care of his office and sailed for Europe to enter upon his duties as Consul at Liverpool. He is a man who has the right to be a citizen of the United States when he took his oath, and that it will be necessary to recall him. When the clerk having charge of the number administered the oath to him, Mr. Foster was asked the customary question, 'Are you a citizen of the United States?' He answered promptly that he was. But the State Department in all such cases requires absolute proof, and Mr. Foster was requested to forward his naturalization papers, which he had received from the government dates only from Nov. 4, 1855. He was, therefore, at the time he was 'sworn' not a citizen of the United States."

Without noticing the falsehood about a falling off in our subscription list—a contemptible distortion of our statement that "several subscribers" had found it impossible to obtain their papers with any regularity through the mail—we call attention to the following editorial statement that appears in the same issue of the *Commercial*:

"A Needed Correction. Philadelphia Press."

We have observed in several papers of both parties a statement that, while Mr. Blaine sent cordial messages to the Republican candidates in Pennsylvania and Ohio, he was perfectly silent in regard to New York.

This is altogether a mistake. A letter from New York, from a perfectly authority source, informs us that Mr. Blaine wrote to Mr. Davenport congratulating him heartily on his nomination, and so sent a telegram to the People's Committee expressing earnest hope for the success of the ticket. Neither the letter, nor the telegram was given to the press, but that certainly was not Mr. Blaine's fault.

Perhaps the State Committee thought that the nerves of the Morganists would not stand it.

The Postmaster General:

The statement of the *Commercial* in regard to Mr. Hopkins, is not only absolutely devoid of truth, but its editor ought to have known it to be untrue, as the Associated Press despatches printed in this city at the time, announced the nomination of Collector Hopkins by President Hayes, January 15, 1851, for a four years' term, and his nomination by President Arthur, January 18, 1853 and his confirmation in regular course.

Mr. Hopkins' term would not have expired last summer; he did not resign to secure another commission; he did not adopt any "shrewd little dodge"; and did not resort to any "confidence operation" whatever.

We hardly need to ask what "fair-minded men" think of that sort of recklessness and apparently malignant slander.

The President's Violations of the Civil Service Reform Law.

While the Mugwump organs are shouting about the "reform policy" of the Administration, the President has not only laid himself liable to prosecution for a direct violation of the civil service law relating to political contributions, but suggested a modification of the rules to give Sterling a chance to secure the position of Weigher in the New York Custom House.

The people have escaped this infliction, it is true, John W. O'Brien, the disabled soldier who passed the highest examination, having received the appointment; but they owe no thanks to the "reform" President. The Collector was simply afraid to make the appointment after the President had arranged for Sterling's name to be sent in with the others. Mr. Hedden was not unmindful of the fact that his own appointment had yet to be acted upon by the Senate and having already aroused public sentiment against himself by his course in this matter, he decided that it would not be wise to ignore the law which gives the preference to veterans, especially as the soldier organizations were prepared to make this a test case, if he failed to appoint Mr. O'Brien. In this connection it is interesting to note that the New York Evening Post, the chief apologist for the Administration, remained a few days since in connection with this case:

We venture to tell them that the entire eligible list will not be submitted to the Senate until after the election of the President, first, because this would be the suspension of a fundamental rule, without assigned reason for it; and secondly, because it would sustain a precedent which would be the complete ruin of the competition of merit.

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Gov. Jarvis, our new Minister to Brazil, refers to him with a Little dozen names in the list from the "old man" as "the old men." This may be a plausible custom in the "old" State, but it would look well in diplomatic correspondence.

The able Treasurer of the Democratic State Central Committee says that during the time that he held the position of Collector he was not contributed one dollar to the campaign fund. The Treasurer ought to know, but we would like to wager a dollar that in this same time all the Democratic State Committees, including the able Treasurer, were able to raise.

The Bourbon Frauds in Virginia. SENATOR MAHONE PREPARING A STATEMENT—HOW THE REPUBLICAN VOTE WAS THROTLED.

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As the entire "eligible list" was submitted it will be seen from the above that President Cleveland and his new Civil Service Commission have turned their faces toward the "sunset" to use a phrase of the Mugwumps, and have deliberately struck a severe blow at the very reform which it has been claimed has been so carefully guarded by the Administration. The Post will, of course, retract its words with its characteristic dishonesty, but the fact remains, nevertheless, that the President has been guilty of an infraction of the law as passed by Congress.

The Republican Mission.

In a letter to the Essex Club, which was read at the meeting held in Boston Saturday, in honor of the Republican victory in Massachusetts, the Post Whittier thus outlined the mission of the Whig party:

"As a Republican from the cursive, I am proud of the noble record of the party, but I should like to see the noble work taken up by the Democratic party, and faithfully carried on to make the organization no longer necessary. But, as far as we can see, the Republican party has still a work to do, and that is to keep the South, and the Confederacy, in the Union. When labor shall everywhere have less to do, and the gains of it are made seen to the earners; when education shall be universal, and North and South all men shall have equal opportunities for the enjoyment of civility and privilege, then the former condition will be no longer necessary. But, as far as we can see, the Republican party has still a work to do, and that is to keep the South, and the Confederacy, in the Union. 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